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CLAIMS

1. A cup comprising a sealingly engageable lid having a drinking spout located thereon, a tubular passage formed between inner surface of the lid and/or spout and a detachable member located on the lid, the passage having one end in communication with the inside of the cup and the other end in communication with the outside of the spout and being of such a diameter such that air cannot readily bubble past liquid inside it.
2. A cup as claimed in claim 1 wherein the capacity of the passage is great enough to contain liquid without any of it reaching the exit and therefore spilling.
3. A cup as claimed in either of claims 1 or 2 wherein the volume of the passage is greater than the maximum value of $H \times V$ as hereinbefore defined.
4. A cup as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3 in which the detachable member is in the form of a plug which fits into the inside of the spout and is sealingly engaged thereto, e.g. by an interference fit.
5. A cup as claimed in claim 4 in which the plug has an elongate channel on its surface which, in cooperation with the inside of the spout forms the passage.
6. A cup as claimed in claim 4 in which the channel is formed on the inside of the spout or on both the spout and the plug.
7. A cup as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6 in which the plug is easily removable and replaceable by a user, enabling the inside of the passage to be exposed for mechanical cleaning thereof.
8. A cup as claimed in any of claims 1 to 7 in which the plug is made from a resiliently compressible material, such as an elastomer.

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9. A cup as claimed in any of claims 1 to 8 wherein the lid has a spout located eccentrically so as to be convenient for drinking from.

10. A cup as claimed in claim 9 wherein the spout is in the shape of a truncated cone, with a small bore at the top, and a detachable member, in the form of a plug, has a helical channel around its exterior surface and it also has an outline matching the inside of the spout's cavity.

11. A cup as claimed in any of claims 1 to 10 wherein the diameter of the passage is such that air is prevented from entering past the liquid, for example a maximum diameter of approximately 3mm.

12. A cup as claimed in any of claims 1 to 11 having a capacity of 200cc wherein the capacity of the passage is about 1.2 cc.

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